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In re:

U.S. Application of: Naohiro KAGEYAMA, Yasuhiko TAKEDA,
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the Office Action, dated December 13, 2001, be extended for one month to February 13, 2002.

A response to the Office Action, dated December 13, 2001, is filed concurrently herewith.

A Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization for the one month extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) is submitted herewith. In the event that the Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization is not present, is not sufficient, or is not acceptable, please charge any fee (other than issue fee) required during the pendency of this U.S.

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